MTNL however, has initiated several measures to further improve their services as under:

* Strengthening of computerised fault reporting system.
* Reductions of subscribers loops length by installing more RSUs/ RLUs/CNEs/DLCs.
* Minimizing overhead wires by introducing 5 pair cables, wall DPs and wireless technology in the customer access network.
* Rehabilitation work in respect of leading in cables and rewiring of multi-storeyed buildings.
* Replacement of paper core underground cables by jelly filled cables/ Optical fibre cables with DLCs.
* Replacement of all electro-mechanical exchanges by digital exchanges.

Networking of Mobile Phone Service in J&K

1197. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is no networking for mobile phone service in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, by when mobile phone service would be made available in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (a Public Sector Undertaking), who is the only Licensee for providing Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) in Jammu & Kashmir Telecom Service Area, has not been granted clearance from SACFA (Standing Advisory Committee on Frequency Allocation) angle for its radio transmission sites necessary for provision of CMTS. BSNL have made plans to starts CMTS in Jammu and Kashmir Telecom Circle Service Areas during the current financial year subject to clearance of its radio transmission sites from SACFA angle.